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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>BOARD OF PLUMBING &amp; HVACR EXAMINERS</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon
<b>MINUTES APPROVED:</b>	September 9, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dean Sherman, Professional Member, President  
Charles Robbins, Professional Member, Vice President  
Frank Beebe, Professional Member  
James Anderson, Public Member  
John Brady, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary  
Harold Caswell, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General  
Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Chuck Davidson, DPH  
James Permelia, NCC  
Angela Lindale, Lindale Plumbing  
Merling Schrock, Elvin Schrock & Sons Inc.  
Richard Smith, George Sherman Corp.  
Darrell Scott, DSU Shop Plumber  
Travis Martin, Chesapeake Plumbing & Heating Inc.  
Tom Rust, Plumbing Unlimited  
Michael Mears, Paradise Plumbing  
Raymond E. Williams III, Raymond E. Williams LLC  
Chairat Trapkasem, TRAP  
Brian Fletcher, B. Fletcher Plumbing  
Mike Campbell, Fletcher Plumbing  
Ed Capadanno, ABC Delaware  
Rick Duncan, Delaware Backflow School  
Steven Fox, Hydro Designs Inc.

Ray Williams, Master Plumber  
Eric Fairbee, DE Plumber  
Layton Drayton, Master Plumber

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sherman called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Brady, to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Proposal to Deny Hearing-9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Brady to reschedule the proposal to deny hearing for Richard Masi. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Final Denial of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Beebe to approve the final denial applications of Stephen Murawski, Harry Morrison, Jr., Daniel Lones, Paul Hoffman, Jr., Joseph Fleig, Matthew Ames, Joseph Duda, Jr., Jason Grayhill, Wayne Hutchinson, and Sean Chambers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Regulations

Deputy Attorney General Kevin Maloney went on record at 8:47a.m. The Board introduced themselves at 8:50 am. Mr. Maloney stated that the hearing is to adopt proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations which were published in the Registrar. Court Reporter marked as Board exhibit #1 as the publication of hearing in The News Journal Newspaper and Board exhibit #2 as the publication of hearing in The Delaware State Newspaper.

Deputy Attorney General Kevin Maloney advised of changes reflected in the amended Rules and Regulations. Mr. Maloney opened the discussion up for the public's comments at 8:52am. The comments were as follow:

-Ray Williams stated that he is the state plumbing inspector for Sussex County but he is representing himself as a Master Plumber. Mr. Williams questioned the pricing of the continuing education and whether the state will be giving any funds towards this. He suggested that a course on codes would be beneficial every 3 years since the code book changes every 3 year. He also stated that the state does provide code classes for free but they are not mandatory to attend. Mr. Williams does not think that the Board has given proper clarification for the continuing education courses.

-Tom Rust of Plumbing Unlimited is against the continuing education. Mr. Rust stated that DPR should not be regulating all the Plumbers/HVACR professions. Mr. Rust suggested that DPR should regulate companies like Bath Fitters because they are operating without a license. Mr. Rust stated that when complaints are made about unlicensed practice nothing is done by the Division of Professional Regulations.

-Darryl Scott stated that he is employed with Delaware State University as the shop leader for plumbing. Mr. Scott stated that as a teacher one of his concerns is not being able to provide the students with anything hands on. The tools and fittings that were provided were old and updated and the information in the books was very limited. Mr. Scott feels that there is nothing to provide for the students who are trying to pursue the plumbing trade.

-Ed Capodanna of ABC (Delaware) expressed his concerns to the Board about regulating continuing education. Mr. Capodanna suggested that the Board move slowly with implementing the CE requirements. Another concern is that the regulation seems mirrored similar to the requirements that were recently instituted by the Board of Electrical Examiners. Mr. Capodanna mentioned that there were major problems with the Electrical Board and this Board should take their time implementing the CE's. Mr. Capodanna stated that there is support within his organization and a lot of the members believe there is some value to continuing education.

-Rick Duncan of Delaware Backflow Training Facility (DE Rural Water Association) stated that he is here to support CE's for Plumbers/HVACR and offer their services. He agrees with Mr. Capodanna regarding the Board taking their time implementing the CE's. Mr. Duncan mentioned that DE Rural Water Association has a training committee set up with a lot of hands on equipment. They have conducted several night time classes for Plumbers on backflow certifications, lead-free fixtures, and regulations.

-Merlin Schrock of Elvin Schrok & Sons Inc. is against the continuing education. Mr. Schrock's concerns are that he and his licensed employees would take a lot of time doing courses that don't pertain to Plumbing. Mr. Schrock stated that the Inspectors and/or the Plumbing board should keep the licensees up on any changes that pertain to the trade.

-Raymond Williams of Raymond E Williams's LLC., expressed his concerns about classes being taught by someone who does not hold a master plumbing license. Mr. William's does not feel that he and any other master plumber should we have to go take a course given by someone who is not as qualified as the students that are supposed to attend the class.

-Eric Fairbee (DE licensed plumber) stated that 6 hours of continuing education is not unreasonable but he suggests that the Board clarifies what they are trying to do. There should be details regarding the cost of the courses, the teacher, location of courses, etc. Mr. Fairbee mentioned that the plumbers should be able to have some say regarding the continuing education.

-Travis Martin of Chesapeake Plumbing & Heating Inc. expressed his concerns regarding the entire plumbing community not being aware of the continuing education regulation. Mr. Martin stated that he is not fully against the idea of implementing CE's but his concern is the expense. He mentioned that the recession has hit hard and continuing education would not make things easier. Mr. Martin is also concerned that the courses will consist of unnecessary information that will be a waste of time. Mr. Martin stated that the plumbers have owned the right to get a mailing from the Division of Professional Regulation regarding any code changes.

-Brian Fletcher of B. Fletcher Plumbing expressed his concerns about not receiving proper notification about the Public hearing. Mr. Fletcher understands that the proper notification was given (according to the law) but he feels the law is outdated. Although the Division of Professional Regulation has followed the proper steps, a letter about the Public Hearing should have been sent to licensees. Mr. Fletcher pointed out that the code changes every 3 years, licensees should not be required to do continuing education every 2 years. Mr. Fletched also mentioned that the inspectors need to be on the same page throughout the state. He also feels that all inspectors, inspecting a plumber's work should be licensed plumbers.

Public Comment ended at 9:29 a.m.

Mr. Brady made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sherman, to resume the Public hearing at the September 9<sup>th</sup> scheduled Board meeting for any additional comments.

The Board will deliberate on the proposed regulations at the October 14, 2014<sup>th</sup> scheduled Board meeting.

The hearing went off record at 9:30 a.m.

#### Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to approve Henry Stronski for Master Plumber licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Brady, to approve Andrew Carlantonio to take the Master Plumber Exam. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Brady seconded by Mr. Beebe, to ratify the applications of Christopher Petrakes (Master HVACR), Timothy Holsclaw (Master HVACR), Henry Samuels (Master Plumber), Stanley Wiley (Master HVACR Restricted), Kenneth Cloud (Master HVACR), and Alton Grimes (Master Plumber). The motion carried unanimously.

#### Complaint Status

34-06-12 Closed  
34-14-12 Referred to AG  
34-09-13 Referred to AG  
34-10-13 Closed  
34-04-13 Closed  
34-13-13 Open  
34-14-13 Open  
34-15-13 Closed

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

#### Discussion & Update on Continuing Education

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Beebe to continue the Public Hearing until the next scheduled board meeting. Due to the comments from the Public, the Board's concern is that proper notification was not provided.

#### Discussion of Delaware Code 1831 (a) (b)

Mr. Maloney presented the Board with the proposed amendment to Delaware Code 1831. The Board reviewed the documents. Mr. Maloney will submit to the Registrar.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Lindale stated that she has been to many CEU events in healthcare and it's a big undertaking to require continuing education. Ms. Lindale stated that there is almost 1,000 plumbers and that will require constant CEU's and lots of education.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on September 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe seconded Mr. Brady, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaTonya Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LaTonya BROWN  
Administrative Specialist II